

1 PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET

2 KENTUCKY BOXING AND WRESTLING AUTHORITY

3 (New Regulation)

4 201 KAR 27:100 General requirements for amateur mixed martial arts shows.

5 RELATES TO: KRS 229.021, 229.071(1), 229.081, 229.091, 229.101, 229.131, 229.171,

6 229.180(1)

7 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.071(2), 229.091(1), 229.151(1), 229.171(1), 229.180(1)

8 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171(1) gives the authority the sole

9 direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing, sparring, kickboxing, mixed

10 martial arts and wrestling shows or exhibitions to be held or conducted in the Commonwealth.

11 KRS 229.180(1) authorizes the authority to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to

12 implement KRS Chapter 229. KRS 229.081 requires certain participants in exhibitions and

13 shows to be licensed in accordance with eligibility requirements established by administrative

14 regulation. KRS 229.071(2) authorizes the authority to grant annual licenses to applicants for

15 participation in shows and exhibitions if the authority judges that the financial responsibility,

16 experience, character, and general fitness of the applicant are such that participation by the

17 applicant is in the public interest. KRS 229.071(3) grants the authority the power to establish

18 annual license fees for licensed individuals. KRS 229.091(1) states that every licensee is subject

19 to administrative

1 regulations promulgated by the authority. This administrative regulation establishes license
2 requirements and fees for certain participants in competitive contact sports such as boxing and
3 mixed martial arts shows and exhibitions in the Commonwealth.

4 Section 1. (1) The authority shall license all persons approved to participate as an amateur
5 contestant in a mixed martial arts show. Applicants who have competed in a professional mixed
6 martial arts bout shall not be licensed as an amateur and may not compete against an amateur.

7 (2) Participants shall apply for a passport through a licensed promoter using the “Application
8 for Amateur MMA Passport” (04/08).

9 (3) Applications shall be mailed to the authority by the promoter within twenty-four (24)
10 hours of issuance.

11 (4) Contestants over the age of thirty-nine (39) shall not be issued a passport until they have
12 complied with section 26 of this regulation and have been approved by the authority.

13 (5) The fee for the amateur passport shall be twenty-five (25) dollars.

14 (6) Passport renewal shall be ten (10) dollars.

15 (7) All amateur passports shall expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued.

16 Section 2. The schedule for compensation to be paid to the following officials provided by the
17 Authority who are participating in a amateur mixed martial arts show shall be as follows and
18 shall be paid prior to the commencement of the main event:

19 (1) Judge for mixed martial arts - \$50.

20 (2) Timekeeper for mixed martial arts - \$50.

21 (3) Physician for mixed martial arts - \$250.

22 (4) Referee for mixed martial arts - \$75.

23 (5) Bout Assistant for mixed martial arts - \$75.

Section 3. If a show is cancelled with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to the authority, officials shall be paid one-half (1/2) the compensation required by this administrative regulation.

Section 4. (1) The promoter shall submit a request for a show date no less than fourteen (14) calendar days before the requested date for approval by the authority using the "Amateur MMA Show Notice Form", (04/08).

(2) There shall be no advertising of the event prior to this approval.

(3) Upon approval by the authority, all advertisements shall include the promoter's license number.

Section 5. (1) The proposed program for a show shall be filed with the authority at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the show. Notice of any change in a program or any substitutions in a show shall be filed immediately with the authority.

(2) If the authority determines, after reviewing a contestants fight history, that a proposed bout would not be reasonably competitive the bout may be denied.

(3) Amateur mixed martial arts contestants age thirty-five (35) and over shall be in the Masters Division and shall only compete against contestants within this division.

Section 6. (1) Before the commencement of a show, all changes or substitutions shall be:

(a) Announced from the ring; and

(b) Posted in a conspicuous place at the ticket office.

(2) A purchaser of tickets shall be entitled, upon request, to a refund of the purchase price of the ticket, provided the request is made before the commencement of the show.

Section 7. All shows shall be video taped and retained by the promoter for one year. Upon request of the authority, the promoter shall provide the tape to the authority during this time.

Section 8. (1) The area between the ring and the first row of spectators on all four (4) sides and the locker room area shall be under the exclusive control of the authority.

(2) No alcohol or smoking shall be allowed in the areas under the control of the authority.

(3) Authority staff and licensees shall be the only people allowed inside the areas under the control of the authority.

Section 9. (1) There shall be an area of at least six (6) feet between the edge of the ring floor and the first row of spectator seats on all sides of the ring.

(2) A partition, barricade, or similar divider shall be placed:

(a) Between the first row of the spectator seats and the six (6) foot area surrounding the ring; and

(b) Along the sides of the entry lane for contestants to enter the ring and the spectator area.

Section 10. The ring shall meet the following requirements:

(1) All bouts shall be held in a four (4) sided roped ring with the following specifications:

(a) The minimum size of the ring shall be sixteen (16) feet by sixteen (16) feet, inside the ropes;

(b) The floor of the ring shall extend beyond the ropes for a distance of not less than one (1) foot;

(c) The floor of the ring shall be elevated not more than six (6) feet above the arena floor; and

(d) The ring shall have steps to enter the ring on two (2) sides.

(2) The ring shall be formed of ropes with the following specifications:

(a) There shall be a minimum of three (3) ropes extended in a triple line at the following heights above the ring floor:

1. Twenty-four (24) inches;

2. Thirty-six (36) inches; and

3. Forty-eight (48) inches;

(b) A fourth rope may be used if approved by the inspector or employee of the authority prior to the commencement of the show;

(c) A rope shall be at least one (1) inch in diameter;

(d) A rope shall be wrapped in a clean, soft material and drawn taut;

(e) A rope shall be held in place with vertical straps on each of the four (4) sides of the ring; and

(3) A rope shall be supported by ring posts that shall be:

(a) Made of metal or other strong material;

(b) Not less than three (3) inches in diameter; and

(c) At least eighteen (18) inches from the ropes.

(4) The ring floor shall be padded or cushioned with a clean, soft material that:

(a) Is at least one (1) inch in thickness using slow recovery foam matting,

(b) Extends over the edge of the platform; and

(c) Is covered with a single canvas or a similar material stretched tightly.

(5) A ring rope shall be attached to the ring posts by turnbuckles that are padded with a soft vertical pad at least six (6) inches in width.

(6)(a) A promoter may request an alternate ring design, including fenced area rings consisting of more than four (4) equal sides, provided that the area inside is no less than 256 square feet.

This request shall be submitted to the executive director no less than thirty (30) days prior to the event.

(b) A fenced area used in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall meet the following requirements:

1. The fenced area shall be circular or have equal sides and shall be no smaller than twenty

(20) feet wide and no larger than thirty-two (32) feet wide.

2. The floor of the fenced area shall be padded with closed-cell foam, with at least a one (1) inch layer of foam padding, with a top covering of a single canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and laced to the platform of the fenced area. Material that tends to gather in lumps or ridges shall not be used.

3. The platform of the fenced area shall not be more than six (6) feet above the floor of the building and shall have steps suitable for the use of the contestants.

4. Fence posts shall be made of metal, shall not be more than six (6) inches in diameter, and shall extend from the floor of the building to between five (5) and seven (7) feet above the floor of the fenced area, and shall be properly padded.

5. The fencing used to enclose the fenced area shall be made of a material that shall prevent a contestant from falling out of the fenced area or breaking through the fenced area onto the floor of the building or onto the spectators, and the fencing shall be coated with vinyl or a similar covering to minimize injuries to a contestant.

6. Any metal portion of the fenced area shall be properly covered and padded and shall not be abrasive to the unarmed combatants.

7. The fenced area shall have at least one (1) entrance.

8. There shall be no protrusion or obstruction on any part of the fence surrounding the area in which the contestants are to be competing.

Section 11. A bell or horn shall be used by the timekeeper in indicating the time.

Section 12. In addition to the ring and ring equipment, the promoter shall supply the following items, which shall be available for use as needed.

(1) A public address system in good working order.

(2) Judges and timekeepers chairs elevated sufficiently to provide an unobstructed view of the ring and the ring floor.

(3) Items for each contestant's corner, to include:

(a) A stool or chair;

(b) A clean bucket;

(c) Towels; and

(d) Rubber gloves.

(4) A complete set of numbered round-cards, if needed.

(5) A clean stretcher and a clean blanket, placed under or adjacent to the ring, throughout each program.

(6) First aid oxygen apparatus or equipment.

Section 13. A scale used for any weigh-in shall be approved in advance by the authority.

Section 14. A promoter shall provide a minimum of two (2) security guards for the premises where shows are conducted to ensure to the satisfaction of the authority that adequate protection against disorderly conduct has been provided. Any disorderly act, assault, or breach of decorum on the part of any licensee at the premises shall be prohibited.

Section 15. All emergency medical personnel and portable medical equipment shall be stationed at ringside during the show. There shall be resuscitation equipment, oxygen, a stretcher, a certified ambulance, and an emergency medical technician on site for all contests. If the ambulance is required to leave the event for any reason, a contest shall not be allowed to continue until an ambulance is once again present and medical personnel are at ringside. Proof of ambulance coverage being scheduled shall be provided to the authority no less than two (2) business days before the show.

1 Section 16. There shall be at least one (1) physician licensed by the authority at ringside
2 before a bout is allowed to begin. The physician shall have at ringside any medical supplies
3 necessary to provide first aid medical assistance for the type of injuries reasonably anticipated to
4 occur in a mixed martial arts show.

5 Section 17. A promoter shall provide insurance for his contestant for any injuries sustained in
6 the mixed martial arts show. The minimum amount of coverage per contestant shall be \$5,000
7 health and \$5,000 accidental death benefits. A certificate of insurance coverage shall be provided
8 to the authority no less than two (2) business days before the show.

9 Section 18. A promoter shall submit written notice to a local hospital with an on-call
10 neurosurgeon that a mixed martial arts show is being held. This notice shall include the date,
11 time, and location of the show. A copy of this notice shall be filed with the authority no less than
12 two (2) business days before the show.

13 Section 19. Judges, physicians, referees, and timekeepers shall be selected, licensed, and
14 assigned to each show by the authority. For each show, the authority shall assign:

15 (1) Three (3) judges;

16 (2) One (1) timekeeper;

17 (3) One (1) physician, unless more than eighteen (18) bouts are scheduled, in which case a
18 minimum of two (2) physicians shall be required;

19 (4) One (1) referee, unless more than eighteen (18) bouts are scheduled, in which case a
20 minimum of two (2) referees shall be required; and

21 (5) One (1) bout assistant.

22 Section 20. Unless the authority approves an exception:

23 (1) A non-championship contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall not exceed five (5)

rounds in duration.

(2) A championship contest of mixed martial arts shall not exceed five (5) rounds in duration.

(3) A period of unarmed combat in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes in duration, and a period of rest following a period of unarmed combat in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts shall be one (1) minute in duration.

Section 21. Weight classes of contestants; weight loss after weigh-in:

(1) Except with the approval of the authority, the classes for contestants competing in a amateur mixed martial arts show and the weights for each class are shown in Table A

Table A: Class & Weight Schedule	
CLASS	WEIGHT
Flyweight	Up to 115 lbs.
Lightweight	116 to 125 lbs.
Super Lightweight	126 to 135 lbs.
Welterweight	136 to 147 lbs.
Middleweight	148 to 165 lbs.
Super Middleweight	166 to 174 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	175 to 189 lbs.
Cruiserweight	190 to 204 lbs.
Heavyweight	205 to 249 lbs.
Super Heavyweight	Over 249 lbs.

(2) After the weigh-in of a contestant competing in an amateur mixed martial arts show:

(a) Change in weight in excess of three (3) pounds is not permitted for a contestant who weighed in at 145 pounds or less.

(b) Change in weight in excess of four (4) pounds is not permitted for a contestant who weighed in at over 145 pounds.

(3) The change in weight described in subsection two shall not occur later than two (2) hours after the initial weigh-in.

(4) A contestant shall not be allowed to fight more than one (1) weight class above his weight.

Section 22. Glove specifications:

(1) The promoter shall supply all gloves for the event.

(2) Contestants shall wear gloves that are a minimum of 6oz and a maximum of 8oz.

(3) Both contestants shall wear the same glove size.

Section 23. The following shall be prohibited:

(1) "Battle royal" as defined in 201 KAR 27:005 Section 1 (2); and

(2) Use of excessive grease or any other substance that may handicap an opponent.

Section 24. (1) Any professional mixed martial arts contestant found to be competing during an amateur mixed martial arts show shall be suspended for a period not less than one year.

(2) Any promoter that allows a professional to compete against an amateur shall be suspended for period not less than one year.

Section 25. Contestants Repeatedly Knocked Out, Defeated or Suspended.

(1) A mixed martial arts contestant who has been repeatedly knocked out and severely beaten shall be retired and not permitted to compete again if, after subjecting him to a thorough examination by a physician, the authority decides the action is necessary in order to protect the health and welfare of the contestant.

1 (2) A mixed martial arts contestant who has suffered six (6) consecutive defeats by knockout
2 or technical knockout shall not be allowed to compete again until he has been investigated by the
3 authority and examined by a physician licensed by the authority.

4 (3) A mixed martial arts contestant whose license is under suspension in any other jurisdiction
5 may be allowed to participate in any contest only after review and approval of the case by an
6 inspector or employee of the authority.

7 (4) Any mixed martial arts contestant who has been knocked out shall be prohibited from all
8 physical contact for sixty (60) days.

9 (5) Any mixed martial arts contestant who has suffered a technical knockout (TKO) may, at
10 the discretion of the inspector, be prohibited from physical contact for up to thirty (30) days. In
11 determining how many days to prohibit the contestant from physical contact, the inspector shall
12 consider the nature and severity of the injuries that resulted in the TKO.

13 (6) All contestants shall receive a mandatory seven (7) day rest period after competing in an
14 event with a maximum of three (3) bouts within a twenty four (24) hour period. Day one (1) of
15 the rest period shall commence on the first day following the twenty four (24) hour period.

16 Section 26. A person over the age of thirty-nine (39) shall not participate as a contestant in a
17 mixed martial arts match without first submitting to a comprehensive physical performed by a
18 physician licensed by the authority. The results of the physical and a medical authorization or
19 release shall then be completed and submitted to the authority no later than fifteen (15) business
20 days prior to the scheduled bout.

21 Section 27. A contestant shall produce one (1) form of picture identification. A contestant
22 shall not assume or use the name of another, and shall not change his ring name nor be
23 announced by any name other than that which appears on his license.

1 Section 28. A contestant shall not compete against a member of the opposite sex.

2 Section 29. A contestant shall not use a belt which contains any metal substance during a
3 bout. The belt shall not extend above the waistline of the contestant.

4 Section 30. A mixed martial arts contestant shall:

5 (1) Be clean, neatly clothed in proper ring attire, and the trunks of opponents shall be of
6 distinguishing colors;

7 (2) Not wear shoes or any padding on his feet during the contest;

8 (3) Wear a groin protector; and

9 (4) Wear a mouthpiece.

10 Section 31. (1) The authority may request at any time a contestant submit to a drug screen for
11 controlled substances at the contestant's expense.

12 (2) If the drug screen indicates the presence within the contestant of controlled substances for
13 which the contestant does not have a valid prescription, or if the contestant refuses to submit to
14 the test, the authority may suspend or revoke the license of the contestant, or the authority may
15 impose a fine upon the contestant, or both.

16 Section 32. (1) Any contestant who has made a commitment to participate in an amateur mixed
17 martial arts show and is unable to participate, for any reason, shall notify the promoter of the
18 inability to participate no less than seven (7) days prior to the event.

19 (2) Failure to notify the promoter within the 7 days may result in immediate suspension
20 pending investigation by the Authority and further disciplinary action may be taken by the
21 Authority

22 Section 33. Any mixed martial arts promoter or contestant whose license is suspended or
23 revoked due to disciplinary actions shall be prohibited from attending all mixed martial arts

1 events sanctioned by the Authority during the term of the suspension or revocation.

2 Section 34. Method of Judging. (1) Each judge of a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts
3 shall score the contest or exhibition and determine the winner through the use of the following
4 system:

5 (a) The better contestant of a round receives 10 points and his opponent proportionately less.

6 (b) If the round is even, each contestant receives 10 points.

7 (c) No fraction of points shall be given.

8 (d) Points for each round shall be awarded immediately after the end of the period of unarmed
9 combat in the round.

10 (2) After the end of the contest or exhibition, the announcer shall pick up the scores of the
11 judges from the authority's desk.

12 (3) The majority opinion is conclusive and, if there is no majority, the decision is a draw.

13 (4) When the authority's representative has checked the scores, he shall inform the announcer
14 of the decision. The announcer shall then inform the audience of the decision over the speaker
15 system.

16 (5) Unjudged exhibitions may be permitted with the prior approval of the authority.

17 Section 35. The following moves are prohibited in amateur mixed martial arts shows:

18 (1) No elbow strikes to the head are allowed at anytime.

19 (2) Knees to the head are permitted, but may only be used and delivered from a standing
20 position.

21 Section 36. The following acts constitute fouls in mixed martial arts:

22 (1) Butting with the head.

23 (2) Eye gouging of any kind.

- 1 (3) Biting.
- 2 (4) Hair pulling.
- 3 (5) Fishhooking.
- 4 (6) Groin attacks of any kind.
- 5 (7) Putting a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent.
- 6 (8) Small joint manipulation.
- 7 (9) Striking to the spine or the back of the head.
- 8 (10) Striking downward using the point of the elbow.
- 9 (11) Throat strikes of any kind, including grabbing the trachea.
- 10 (12) Clawing, pinching or twisting the flesh.
- 11 (13) Grabbing the clavicle.
- 12 (14) Kicking the head of a grounded opponent.
- 13 (15) Kneeing the head of a grounded opponent.
- 14 (16) Stomping the head of a grounded opponent.
- 15 (17) Kicking to the kidney with the heel.
- 16 (18) Spiking an opponent to the canvas on his head or neck.
- 17 (19) Throwing an opponent out of the ring or fenced area.
- 18 (20) Holding the shorts of an opponent.
- 19 (21) Spitting at an opponent.
- 20 (22) Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
- 21 (23) Holding the ropes or the fence.
- 22 (24) Using abusive language in the ring or fenced area.
- 23 (25) Attacking an opponent on or during the break.

1 (26) Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.

2 (27) Attacking an opponent after the bell has sounded the end of the period of unarmed
3 combat.

4 (28) Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.

5 (29) Timidity, including avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently
6 dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.

7 (30) Interference by the corner.

8 (31) The throwing by a contestant's corner staff of objects into the ring during competition.

9 Section 37. (1) If a contestant fouls his opponent during an amateur mixed martial arts show,
10 the referee may penalize him by deducting points from his score, regardless of whether or not the
11 foul was intentional. The referee shall determine the number of points to be deducted in each
12 instance and shall base his determination on the severity of the foul and its effect upon the
13 opponent.

14 (2) When the referee determines that it is necessary to deduct a point or points because of a
15 foul, he shall warn the offender of the penalty to be assessed.

16 (3) The referee shall, as soon as is practical after the foul, notify the judges and both
17 contestants of the number of points, if any, to be deducted from the score of the offender.

18 (4) Any point or points to be deducted for any foul shall be deducted in the round in which the
19 foul occurred and may not be deducted from the score of any subsequent round.

20 Section 38. (1)(a) If a bout of amateur mixed martial arts is stopped because of an accidental
21 foul, the referee shall determine whether the contestant who has been fouled is able to continue
22 or not.

23 (b) If the contestant's chance of winning has not been seriously jeopardized as a result of the

foul, and if the foul does not involve a concussive impact to the head of the contestant who has been fouled, the referee may order the bout continued after a recuperative interval of not more than five (5) minutes.

(c) Immediately after separating the contestants, the referee shall inform the authority's representative of his determination that the foul was accidental.

(2) If the referee determines that a bout of amateur mixed martial arts shall not continue because of an injury suffered as the result of an accidental foul, the bout shall be declared a no contest if the foul occurs during:

(a) The first two (2) rounds of a bout that is scheduled for three (3) rounds or less; or

(b) The first three (3) rounds of a bout that is scheduled for more than three (3) rounds.

(3) If an accidental foul renders a contestant unable to continue the bout, the outcome shall be determined by scoring the completed rounds, including the round in which the foul occurs, if the foul occurs after:

(a) The completed second round of a bout that is scheduled for three (3) rounds or less; or

(b) The completed third round of a bout that is scheduled for more than three (3) rounds, the outcome shall be determined by scoring the completed rounds.

(4) If an injury inflicted by an accidental foul later becomes aggravated by fair blows and the referee orders the bout stopped because of the injury, the outcome shall be determined by scoring the completed rounds and the round during which the referee stops the bout.

(5) Any contestant committing a foul may be issued a violation by the inspector or employee of the authority.

Section 39. A contest of amateur mixed martial arts may end in the following ways:

1 (1) Submission by:

2 (a) Physical tap out; or

3 (b) Verbal tap out

4 (2) Technical knockout by the referee or physician stopping the contest.

5 (3) Decision via the scorecards, including:

6 (a) Unanimous decision.

7 (b) Split decision.

8 (c) Majority decision.

9 (d) Draw, including:

10 1. Unanimous draw.

11 2. Majority draw.

12 3. Split draw.

13 (4) Technical decision.

14 (5) Technical draw.

15 (6) Disqualification.

16 (7) Forfeit.

17 (8) No contest.

18 Section 40. Promoter requirements upon conclusion of the show:

19 (1) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of an event, the promoter shall, pursuant
20 to KRS 229.031(1), complete and submit to the authority the form "Amateur MMA Event
21 Report" (04/08).

22 (2) Within twelve (12) hours of the conclusion of the event, the promoter shall submit the
23 results from the amateur MMA event to the Authority.

(3) Shall ensure the passport of each contestant has been completed upon conclusion of the event.

Section 41. The following requirements apply to all bouts between female contestants:

(1) A contestant shall not wear facial cosmetics during the bout;

(2) A contestant with long hair shall secure her hair with soft and nonabrasive material;

(3) Weight classes shall be those established in section 21;

(4) A contestant shall wear a properly-fitted:

(a) Breast protector;

(b) Groin protector; and

(c) Mouthpiece;

(5) A contestant shall provide the results of a pregnancy test indicating a negative finding that was taken within one (1) week prior to the bout. These results must be submitted to the Authority no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the show.

Section 42. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

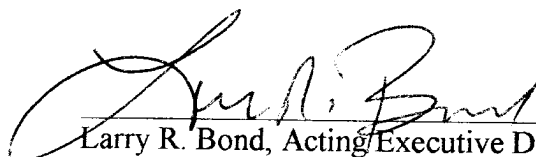
(a) "Application for Amateur MMA Passport", (4/08);

(b) "Amateur MMA Show Notice Form", (4/08); and


(c) "Amateur MMA Event Report", (4/08).

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READ AND APPROVED:


Larry R. Bond, Acting Executive Director
Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority

6/23/08
Date


Robert D. Vance, Secretary
Public Protection Cabinet

6/23/08
Date

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on August 26, 2008, at 9:00 am, at the Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority office located at 100 Airport Road, Frankfort KY 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by August 19, 2008, five working days prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted until September 2, 2008. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation sets forth detailed rules governing the conduct of amateur mixed martial arts shows or exhibitions.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This regulation is necessary to ensure that amateur mixed martial arts shows and exhibitions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are ran in such a manner to protect the contestants and to establish uniform rules for the sport.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 229.180 explicitly grants the Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority the power to promulgate administrative regulations necessary for the performance of its regulatory functions. These functions include, as set forth in KRS 229.171, the responsibility to protect the athletes who participate in events under the Authority's jurisdiction, as well as to provide the professional staff necessary to properly regulate those events.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation sets forth in detail the rules governing the conduct of contestants at amateur mixed martial arts shows or exhibitions taking place in the Commonwealth.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: N/A

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: N/A

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: N/A

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: N/A

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: All licensed athletes who participate in amateur mixed martial arts events, licensed promoters who arrange these shows and exhibitions and the officials who regulate those events will be impacted by this administrative regulation.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by

either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: The contestants must apply for their passport, the promoters must obtain a surety bond and apply to be licensed as a promoter in the Commonwealth and the officials must obtain a license to officiate during a amateur show or exhibition.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): The only cost for the contestants and officials will be for licensure. The cost for the promoters will be no different than the compliance with professional regulations, which include cost for licensure, insurance coverage, medical equipment and personnel.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): It will protect the athletes competing in the matches by, for the first time, establishing uniform rules for competition and most importantly requiring medical personnel and equipment to be onsite during a match in the event of injury, and to require insurance to compensate participants who may be injured while competing in a bout. Thus the overriding benefit of this regulation is safety and welfare.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: Minimal, no new personnel will need to be hired. The regulatory framework is already in place due to the regulation of professional MMA.

(b) On a continuing basis: Minimal, see above.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority is funded by the licensure fees paid by the regulated community.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No new fees or funding will be required to implement this administrative regulation, the program will be paid for by licensure fees as are the other KBWA programs.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or

indirectly increased any fees: This administrative regulation creates an application and renewal fee for amateur MMA contestants.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not) Tiering is not applied in this administrative regulation, as there is no reason to discriminate among amateur mixed martial arts participants as a class.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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1. Does this administrative regulation relate to any program, service, or requirements of a state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts)?
Yes _____ No X

If yes, complete questions 2-4.

2. What units, parts or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation?

3. Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation.

4. Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year?

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years?

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year?

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years?

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation:

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

201 KAR 27:100 General requirements for amateur mixed martial arts shows

- (1) 201 KAR 27:100 incorporates by reference the following material:
 - (a) "Application for Amateur MMA Passport", (4/08), a new standardized form to be submitted to the Authority to apply for a amateur mixed martial arts passport.
 - (b) "Amateur MMA Show Notice Form" (4/08), a new standardized form to be submitted to the Authority to request permission to conduct a amateur mixed martial arts show.
 - (c) "Amateur MMA Event Report" (4/08), a new standardized form to be submitted to the Authority within 24 hours after a amateur mixed martial arts show, as required by KRS 229.031.
- (2) The total number of pages that the Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority has incorporated by reference is five (5).